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SUBJECT: LOS:ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY

1. THE FOLLOWING ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS WERE PRESENTED TO
THE GOVERNMENT IN PARLIAMENT AND ON JNAUARY 22 REPLIES
WERE PROVIDED AS QUOTED BELOW:

BEGIN QUOTE:

QUESTION - MR. FORRESTALL: ARE ANY REPRESENTATIONS BEING CONSIDERED
BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WITH
RESPECT TO THE INTENDEDUSE BY THE UNITED STATES COAST
GUARD OF THE 60,000 HORSEPOWER
MAGB-10 AND MAGB-11 TO SUPPORT PLANNEDCOMMERCIAL
INTERESTS IN THE CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO AND, IF
NOT, FOR WHAT REASON?

REPLY - NON. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN (SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS): THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT
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CONSIDERING MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT

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OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF THE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SHIPS MAGB-10 AND MAGB-11.
IT IS THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT'S UNDERSTANDING THAT
THESE VESSELS WILL BE USED IN ANTARCTIC AND ALASKAN
WATERS AND THEREFORE THERE IS NO BASIS UPON WHICH THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE REPRESENTATION AT THIS
TIME.

QUESTION - MR. FORRESTALL: HAS THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED IN WRITING THE ABSOLUTE,
UNFETTERED, UNTRAMMELLED AND UNQUALIFIED RIGHT OF THE
GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE EVERY ASPECT WHATSOEVER OF
MOVEMENT, COMMERCE, ACCESS, SHIPPING, EXPLORATION,
EXPLOITATION AND INDUSTRY IN THOSE ISLANDS AND THE
WATERS SURROUNDING THEM, COMMONLY REFERED TO AS THE
CANADIAN ARCTIC ARCHIPELAGO, AS IF SUCH LAND, WATER
AND ICE WERE PART OF TERRITORIAL CANADA, AND (A) IF SO,
IS THE GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO MAKE THIS DOCUMENT PUBLIC
(B) IF NOT, FOR WHAT REASON?

REPLY - HON. ALLAN J. MACEACHEN: THERE HAS BEEN
NO WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS RAISED IN THE
QUESTION. AT THE TIME OF THE ENACTMENT OF THE ARCTIC
WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT IN APRIL OF 1970 THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE ISSUED A PRESS
RELEASE CONCERNING CANADA'S CLAIM TO JURISDICTION OVER
ARCTIC POLLUTION. THAT PRESS RELEASE WAS PUBLISHED AS
"APPENDIX A" TO THE HANSARD OF APRIL 15, 1970. THE
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REPLIED TO THE UNITED STATES
POSITION WITH A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH WAS HANDED TO
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 16, 1970.
A SUMMARY OF THAT NOTE APPEARED AS AN APPENDIX TO
THE HANSARD OF APRIL 17, 1970. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT
MAINTAINS THE VIEWS IT EXPRESSED AT THAT TIME. END QUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE ANY PROPOSED USE OF USCG
ICEBREAKERS IN AREAS WHERE CANADA HAS ASSERTED ITS
SOVEREIGNTY.
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